

SENATE BILL 1627

By Stevens

AN ACT to amend Chapter 417 of the Private Acts of 1915; as amended and rewritten by Chapter 50 of the Private Acts of 1979; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter for the Town of Troy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 417 of the Private Acts of 1915, as amended and rewritten by Chapter 50 of the Private Acts of 1979, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Chapter 2, Section 3 and substituting the following:

Section 3. Ordinance adoption. All ordinances passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of said Town, before becoming effective, shall be passed on two separate readings and at separate meetings; provided, that any ordinance may be passed at regular or called sessions on first or second reading; provided, further, that if passed at a call or special meeting, the purpose of said call to be set out in the call, said call to be in writing and to be entered on the minutes of such call meeting; and provided, further, that all ordinances, before becoming effective, shall be entered on the ordinance book of said Town and signed by the Mayor and City Recorder, then to be printed and posted in front of the city hall of said Town. The ordinances of said Town, when entered on the ordinance book of said Town or codified, may be proved in any of the courts of this State by the introduction of the ordinance book or by the code of ordinance when properly adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

SECTION 2. Chapter 417 of the Private Acts of 1915, as amended and rewritten by Chapter 50 of the Private Acts of 1979, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Chapter 3, Section 4 and substituting the following:

Section 4. Mayor's duties. The Mayor shall have veto powers over resolutions and ordinances and said resolution or ordinance shall not be valid unless the Board

shall, by a majority vote, pass the same notwithstanding the Mayor's veto. The Mayor of the Town shall not have a vote except in case of a tie vote but shall be the presiding officer of the Board at its meetings.

SECTION 3. Chapter 417 of the Private Acts of 1915, as amended and rewritten by Chapter 50 of the Private Acts of 1979, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Chapter 3, Section 11 and substituting the following:

Section 11. Town employees. The Mayor may suspend any employee for inefficiency or neglect of duty, such suspension being subject to review by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. If there is a City Administrator appointed by the Board pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 13 below, the City Administrator shall have authority to suspend employees rather than the Mayor.

SECTION 4. Chapter 417 of the Private Acts of 1915, as amended and rewritten by Chapter 50 of the Private Acts of 1979, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Chapter 3, Section 13 and substituting the following:

Section 13. Other employees and compensation. The Mayor of the Town of Troy shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, employ such assistants or clerks as may be necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the business of the Town. The compensation of such employees shall be fixed or approved by the Board of Aldermen.

The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, appoint a City Administrator who shall be under the control and direction of the Board. If a City Administrator is appointed, that position shall have authority to hire Town employees rather than the Mayor. The City Administrator shall report and be responsible to the Board. The Board may, by ordinance, require the City Administrator to perform any or all the following duties:

- (1) Administer the business of the Town;

(2) Make recommendations to the Board for improving the quality and quantity of public services to be rendered by the officers and employees to the inhabitants of the Town;

(3) Keep the Board fully advised as to the conditions and needs of the Town;

(4) Report to the Board on the condition of all property, real and personal, owned by the Town and recommend repairs or replacements as needed;

(5) Recommend to the Board and suggest the priority of programs or projects involving public works or public improvements that should be undertaken by the Town;

(6) Recommend to the Board specific personnel positions as may be required for the needs and operations of the Town, and propose personnel policies and procedures for the approval of the Board;

(7) Enforce personnel policies adopted by the Board and administer discipline, including the suspension, demotion or termination of Town employees;

(8) Serve as the Certified Municipal Finance Officer of the Town; and

(9) Perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be designated or required by the Council.

SECTION 5. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Troy. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 6. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 5.